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Interpreting the Hospital to the Community

UNFORTUNATELY, the members of our community know too little about its hospitals, this resulting in a marked lack of necessary support. Unfortunately, too, this situation results in an unfair prejudice predicated almost on the belief that patients are receiving most unsatisfactory service which is incompatible with good medical and surgical results.

We welcome, therefore, this and future issues of the BULLETIN because we know it will serve as a medium for the proclamation of the true intentions of the Beth Israel Hospital to carry out the fundamental principles of well-functioning hospitals. It is important that the community be informed that the care of the sick is our first concern. They must also be informed that we have dedicated ourselves to the further training of competent physicians and nurses, that we are materially concerned with the fostering of ideals of better community health and that we are mindful of the significance and importance of research.

We extend hearty greetings to all the readers of the BULLETIN which will include members of the staff, both medical and nursing, to the paid personnel of the hospital, as well as to the volunteers who are playing so important and necessary a part in our organization. We extend most cordial greetings to the readers who may be patients in the Institution. To each and everyone who may read these lines we plead for co-operation toward the realization of the real hospital goal of achievement — the promotion of health and real service to the sick.

CHARLES F. WILINSKY, M.D.,
Director, B. I. H.

GREETINGS!

I WISH to extend my greetings and congratulations to the Editorial Staff of this new venture in journalism, the Beth Israel Hospital BULLETIN.

I can see wherein a publication of this nature can become extremely interesting and of great value to the entire hospital personnel.

The modern hospital is an extremely complex organization with a great many departments all dealing with various aspects of the important job of taking care of the sick. Now it is essential that the activities of these various departments be co-ordinated so that the whole hospital shall function as a unit rather than as disjointed parts.

This little paper can serve the very useful purpose of giving, from time to time, brief accounts of the work that the various departments are doing so that we will all be familiar with what is going on. It will also serve the purpose of bringing the entire hospital personnel into the relationship of a united group, all working with the same ideal of maintaining the highest standards of efficiency in every branch of hospital activity.

The paper should also serve as a vehicle for all kinds of comment and constructive criticism with the purpose of improving the service. Such criticism will, I am sure, be taken by the departments affected in the proper and kindly spirit in which it is offered, whether it be in a light vein or a more serious tone.

To the Editorial Staff I extend my best wishes for a successful venture.

H. LINENTHAL, M.D.,
Physician in Chief, B. I. H.

SPIRIT OF SERVICE

THE Beth Israel Hospital was constructed in a spirit of service. It was made possible by sustained co-operative sacrifices made in that spirit,—but stones, cement, and brick, no matter how finely wrought, and appointments, no matter how delicately and exquisitely chosen, do not constitute a hospital. These are but the instrumentalities and mechanics for carrying into effect the spirit of sacrifice and loyalty that made possible the erection of the Beth Israel Hospital.

The different agencies of the Hospital, co-operating loyally and humanely in the service of those calling upon us for aid, is the end to be sought.

I am, therefore, happy to learn that a voluntary group has been organized, seeking to establish the Beth Israel Hospital BULLETIN. No better medium for the accomplishment of that end could be brought into play than the Beth Israel Hospital BULLETIN. As a means of communication between the different departments of the Hospital, it has great possibilities of doing much good. Acquainting one department with the work of the other must tend to raise the morale and spirit of the various departments, all to one common purpose,—an efficient and humane House of Israel, dedicated to the service of all, without distinction as to race, color, or creed.

May success attend your efforts!

A. A. GINSBERG,
President, B. I. H.

OCTOBER 1, 1928

HUSH! A Red Letter Day in the history of the Beth Israel Hospital—opening day of the Out-Patient Department.

Doctors, volunteers and personnel were eagerly anticipating this event, as well as the first patient who was waiting for the doors to open.

Doctors, "Where do we register?" "White coats, please." Miss Goldsmith to volunteers, "You go here, there and everywhere."

Total number of patients twenty-three. Some were optimistic and some were pessimistic as to the growth. Only five months since we have opened. Total average last month one hundred and eleven and the crying need of all is "Oh, the Out-Patient is much too small."

Thank you all for your co-operation.

MISS BESSIE PEARLMAN,

FOREWORD

WE, the School of Nursing, welcome the new hospital paper. Perfection of service in a hospital is only attained by harmonious functioning of all departments and interchange of news and views by the departments through this paper and should provide a valuable factor in promoting this harmonious function.

JOSEPHINE A. MULVILLE,
Principal of the School of Nursing.

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EDITORIAL

IN this, the first issue of the Beth Israel Hospital BULLETIN, we find still another line of endeavor of those affiliated with the institution. Through this organ we hope that everyone will avail him or herself of the opportunity of public expression, and that the BULLETIN will rightly take its place among the valuable activities of the hospital. Our first attempt has been met with general enthusiasm and favorable response, and we hope that in the issues to come many latent scribes will be moved to voice their opinions, criticisms, suggestions, and reports in these pages. Beth Israel Hospital, this is your BULLETIN — help make it worth while.

What with the essays on "The Spirit of Service," "Co-operation," and "Fulfillment of Dreams," there is little to add in this issue.

We regret that at the time of going to press Dr. Whittemore's communication was not ready, but we have his best wishes and promise to let us hear from him soon.

Many may wonder how the hospital has progressed since its opening. Let us here quote a few figures to bring more vividly before you how our work has progressed:

	<i>New Patients</i>	<i>Total Patients</i>
	<i>O. P. D.</i>	<i>O. P. D.</i>
October, 1928.....	651	1156
November, 1928.....	504	1428
December, 1928.....	546	1774
January, 1929.....	455	1938
February, 1929.....	587	2319

In the hospital proper there has been a steady increase. The records show that on August 31, 1928 we had 68 patients; September 30th the mark reached 100; January 31, 1929 there were 132; and February 28th we reached 153.

BOSTON HERALD GIVES TRIBUTE

(*Boston Herald*, February 11, 1928)

The surgical skill of Dr. Louis Wolfson of the Beth Israel Hospital saved the life of an eight-months old baby who had swallowed an open safety-pin and a religious medal. The X-Ray of Baby Killion showed that the open pin and medal were down as far as the heart. Dr. Wolfson removed them through an esophagoscope.

HEALTH HINTS TO NURSES

THE author has long pondered over the difficulties of a nurse's life, whether she be an humble probe or one of those exotic creatures in white uniforms called "special" nurses. He has given great thought to their long hours, their almost nun-like seclusion from the world, and their constant association with sick people. It behooves the writer, therefore, in his capacity as Health Editor of this paper to give the nurses a few ideas (health) and to tell them how to regulate their lives in accordance with the views of Aesculapius.

We shall first take up *Exercise*. There is no greater need for anything in a nurse's life than just plain exercises. Of course you may say that a nurse gets a little exercise when she makes beds, or even lifts a 300-pound unconscious woman. I don't deny that there is a *slight* amount of exercise in these processes as probably there is in going upstairs when the elevator occasionally gets stuck or something. But it isn't real exercise — not exercise with a Capital "E." Exercise with a capital "E" means getting up thirty minutes before you ordinarily do — getting up and practicing assiduously such things as touching the floor with your finger tips, rolling around, knee exercising, etc.

After you do this for a while, you are ready to start the day right and to do a little light work on the wards.

Diet. That every nurse should have good food goes without saying. It doesn't mean the ordinary food served in the dining room at meal time. That is good as far as it goes. I feel that any nurse worth her salt should certainly have at least every other day such little things as caviar, Chinese vegetables, strawberry short cake, pastroma a la Juif, pickles and kraut, etc. These little delicacies will help to tone up a nurse's life, to keep her interested in her food, and give her a touch of variety in diet. Of course you are going to say there is not enough of Vitamin D in the above articles of food — well, that is easily supplied by a swig of cod liver oil taken at least once a day. It certainly should be the rule for all growing young nurses (and how they grow) to take at least one tablespoon of the pure Norwegian oil at least once a day. You might say this is fattening, but with the extra exercise the nurse will get at 6 A.M., there won't be much of an increase in weight (not much). And besides, nurses don't get very fat in a hospital — that is, not rarely.

Mental Hygiene. Every nurse should have sane mental hygiene. A nurse's life is apt to become so morbid, so wrapped up in diseased patients and doctors that a little knowledge of mental hygiene to neutralize those morbid thoughts is advisable.

You must have heard of that great Viennese doctor, Sigmund Freud. Now Dr. Freud thinks that we are apt to have complexes, and that complexes are apt to have their basis in sex (think of that). This, to be sure, immediately takes complexes out of the Nurse's category, for a nurse, like a doctor, is a sexless person — or should be.

Still, some nurses are apt in their odd moments to look into themselves — to introspect. Well, if they want to get that way, they can — but they really shouldn't.

Recreation. It is a matter of common knowledge that every nurse must have, because of her very trying life, a certain amount of recreation. There is no question but that all work and no play makes Jill a dull girl. Therefore, every hospital should see to it that the nurses have plenty of recreation. I might suggest that there be plenty of reading matter such as the "Pilgrim's Progress," the story of Florence Nightingale, a full set of Shakespeare, and Essays by Macaulay, in the nurse's library. If any of this proves too stimulating, a copy of Burke's "Speech of Conciliation," or a copy of the Congressional Record might be added.

Another highly entertaining form of recreation is that good old game of checkers. Picture the joy and serenity of a group of serious nurses, away from their arduous duties, sitting down and concentrating on the various moves.

Radio is recommended by some, but I think it is apt to be really too vulgar in spots for nurses, what with jazzy music, talks by negro dialect, etc.

Above all, in the matter of recreation, (and this is a serious warning) a nurse must not associate (too much) with those stunning young men, the internes. Not that it might be immoral, still, internes are apt to be somewhat dangerous and likely to engage in too frivolous conversation.

To conclude these helpful hints: we must not forget that the nurse, busily engaged as she is in her multiplicity of duties, must have exercise, proper diet, mental hygiene, and recreation. If a nurse wishes to become fully rounded out — in her profession — she must follow the above hints carefully. Take a little time off, girls, and prepare in this way to be the future leader of women.

W. DAMASHEK, M.D.

A PATIENT'S VERSION IN ODE

If fate decrees an operation you require,
And for the surgery to the Beth Israel you apply;
Keep up your courage and have good cheer,
For here are fine internes on whom you can rely.

The ways of these doctors are scientific and new,
No finer and nobler men can you find;
Ever ready at your service devoted and true,
With loving patience that eases your mind.

During day and night over you they watch,
Applying their skill so that your recovery may be speeded;
With kindly ministrations and comforting words,
Always at your side when attention is needed.

Thus we benefit by their courtesy and knowledge,
For it's of great assistance to have them so be;
May their lives be long and their health ever good,
Is the wish of their patient who had the experience to see.

LOUIS GOLDSTEIN,

Patient, February 17, 1929

STORK NEWS

As we go to press we are thrilled by the advent of a charming son into the home of our Editor. Mazeltov to the happy parents! A future member of the surgical staff of the Beth Israel is now assured.

The girls won't be outdone. Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Finkel were blessed with a daughter recently. Our heartiest congratulations. Come on sweet volunteers. Beth Israel needs you.

A. T., M.D.

*Send in items of interest
to the Editors*

Surgical Out Patient Department Beth Israel Hospital

THE Surgical Out-Patient Department of the Beth Israel Hospital is a link of the out-patient system of this Institution. It is open to all people, regardless of denomination, who are suffering with surgical diseases which can be studied and treated properly in this Clinic. It is open during the morning only. Many who require further study or major surgery are referred to the hospital proper for necessary successful termination.

The Out-Patient Department is an important part of the hospital because it saves time and expense to the patient and educates the patient as well as the doctor.

The doctors in attendance are all graduates of Class A medical schools and of large recognized hospitals in Surgery as a specialty. They are able to converse with most patients in the mother tongue which is of considerable help to the mental equilibrium of the patient. The patients are, therefore, guaranteed the best kind of service by well-trained surgeons who are using the advanced methods which have proved successful over a duration of time. The facilities are the best that can be found at any hospital up to date.

ROBERT SLATER, M.D.

Send in your Literary Contributions

THE LABORATORY

IN looking over the records of the work done in the last five months in the Pathological laboratories, there remains an extraordinary impression which is quite gratifying. Our files show that the demands on this department, in the way of diagnostic interpretation, are well on the increase. Every succeeding month surpasses the previous one. The Bacteriological and Serological division are working in good harmony and with the recent installation of the Wassermann systems, the accomplishments here can safely be compared with laboratories in any other hospital of similar capacity.

Dr. Rudy, who supervises the Blood Chemistry division, reports that any blood test that may be requisitioned in the way of chemical analysis can now be accurately done.

Similarly, in the Pathological division where the tissues are done, a superior grade of work is being accomplished. Dr. Damashek, who is doing such splendid work in hematology, is a recent addition to the department of Pathology, and is deemed an asset of no small degree; in fact, the Laboratory favors him as a proud acquisition. It is hoped that it will not be very long before this department is reputed to be among the best.

Dr. Cooper deserves commendation for his work in his association with the progress of the Pathological Laboratory.

MONROE J. SCHLESINGER, M.D.,

Pathologist, B. I. H.

B. I. H. Women's Auxiliary

THE Beth Israel Hospital Women's Auxiliary begins another fiscal year with the election of its officers.

Mrs. Jennie Loitman Barron, *Honorary President*
 Mrs. I. K. E. Prager, *President*
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 Miss Lillian Aronson, *Executive Secretary*

It is the aim and desire of the incoming administration to make this year one of its most successful, not only in its benefits to the hospital but to the people who are receiving care and consideration as well.

Although there has been no definite program as yet, no doubt there will be many things of interest that will be given to the public and many activities enlisting the service and support of its active members, who have always contributed without stint of themselves or of their person.

The organization subsists mainly through membership; if you are not a member, will you join us; if you are a member, will you enroll your friends.

Our purpose is the Maintenance of the Out-Patient Department for which \$5,000 is needed to fulfill our pledge.

The Observance of Hospital Day

NATIONAL HOSPITAL DAY, May 12th, is an occasion for a closer contact between the hospital and the community which it is serving.

Inaugurated in 1921 Hospital Day has been observed each year with greater interest on the part of the public until now several millions of people visit their neighborhood institution on May 12 to inspect its facilities and learn of its service.

Hospitals all over the country open their doors on this unique occasion, welcome visitors, demonstrate the various services which the hospital offers and answer gladly any questions which the visitors may have regarding the work of the institution.

It is highly desirable, of course, that the public become thoroughly acquainted with the important position which the hospital occupies in the community. Its work in caring for the sick, its position as a health center, its efforts in teaching should be fully understood. To accomplish this purpose Hospital Day has been instituted.

While National Hospital Day is an American observance, sponsored by the American Hospital Association, it has been taken up by many foreign countries. It is destined to become international in scope. It has extended even to Asia where China has made it an important event.

Hospital Day has the unqualified support of public officials occupying the highest offices in our country. The President, the Cabinet Officers, Governors, Public Health Service and others endorse the movement and commend it in highest terms.

The public is invited on this important day to visit the hospital which is serving it. It is not intended as a time for public appeal for funds. It is an opportunity to become acquainted with what the hospital does and how it does it.

THE VOLUNTEER SERVICE

THE Volunteer Service is happy to wish the editors and the staff of the Beth Israel Hospital BULLETIN success and long life. As it is the aim of a hospital to prolong life, it is the hope of the Volunteer Service that the hospital will help prolong the life of the BULLETIN.

The Volunteer Service is comprised of two hundred and fifty members who are divided into the following groups: Clinic Secretaries, Typists, Flower Committees, Information Service, Usher Group, and Story Telling for Children.

A record of hours of work are kept each day. This month the Volunteer groups gave the hospital approximately three thousand hours of service. During the days of the "Flu" epidemic it was often a difficult proposition, but the work was carried on just the same. Nevertheless, not until a full year of Volunteer Service is complete will there be a surety that it is here to stay.

Curiously enough, the BULLETIN is just six months younger than Volunteer Service. Congratulations Beth Israel Hospital BULLETIN! Welcome!

JESSIE GOLDSMITH,

Executive Director of Volunteer Service.

The Aims and Functions of a Teaching Hospital

IT is interesting to observe that the oldest hospitals such as St. Bartholomew's, which have stood pre-eminent for hundreds of years, recognized from their earliest beginnings that, through active teaching, higher standards and better care of the sick resulted. Today practically every leading hospital devotes a considerable amount of time, effort and money for teaching. Authorities agree with William Osler that "it is safe to say that in a hospital with students in the wards, the patients are more carefully looked after, their diseases are more fully studied and less mistakes are made."

In accordance with the high standard which the founders of the Beth Israel Hospital set for themselves, provision was made for active teaching services. The senior members of the staff are members of the faculties of the medical schools, and senior medical students are received on the medical and surgical services as a regular part of the medical school curriculum. In return for the instruction these students receive, they assist in an important manner in the satisfactory operation of the services. They serve as clinical clerks, relieve the house staff of many routine duties and so make possible more careful detailed study of the patients of the hospital. In this way, superior medical students are attracted as internes while frequently such men later become available as regular members of the staff, and the community benefits directly in receiving the services of more highly competent practitioners.

With the almost breathless pace of present day medical progress, the teaching hospital recognizes that it is not enough to make the best possible provision for the present treatment of injury and disease, but that it must also be constantly on the alert for the newer knowledge. The development of original methods of diagnosis and treatment, and the release of such knowledge for the benefit of humanity is important. Of even greater value, however, is the testing, controlling and critical estimation of the worth of methods suggested in other parts of the world. Such study often requires special training and considerable time and so the necessary laboratories and personnel have been provided. Only in this way can a modern hospital hope to keep abreast of medical progress.

The association of the Beth Israel Hospital with Tufts and Harvard Medical Schools likewise makes available the services and advice of the faculties of those schools. In the past few months some of the department heads at these schools, though not nominally of the staff of the hospital, have been of inestimable value in the study and care of some obscure cases which demanded highly specialized technique.

HERRMAN L. BLUMGART, M.D.,

Director Medical Research, B. I. H.

Social Service Department

THE Social Service Department of the Beth Israel Hospital carries on its activities in the wards and in the Out-Patient department. Its personnel consists of a director and five medical social workers. One of these workers, in addition to her other duties, is also responsible for the social work of the Jewish Anti-Tuberculosis Association. This includes the work in the Pulmonary Clinic of the Beth Israel Hospital as well as patients in tuberculosis sanatoria, such as Rutland, Sharon, etc., who are beneficiaries of the Jewish Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

For the past few weeks we have had the valuable assistance of a volunteer who is an experienced and professionally trained medical social worker.

About seven hundred and twenty-five (725) cases have been dealt with by medical social workers since the opening of the hospital. The problems presented have been of varying degrees of seriousness. They include clinical supervision of patients, transportation, social review, financial adjustment, psychiatric study, nursing care, convalescent care, care in chronic hospitals, examination of tuberculosis contacts, securing of orthopedic appliances, securing of glasses, assistance in securing employment, etc. Much of our time is spent in interpreting the hospital to the community and in interpreting the community to the hospital. Patients and their families must be taught to understand the patient's condition and must learn to cope with it.

These problems have been referred largely by doctors; some have been referred by the Admitting Office, both in the House and the Out-Patient Department; a few by nurses, by the patients themselves, by agencies, and interested individuals in the community.

A great many of our patients come from communities outside of Boston such as Chelsea, Revere, Malden, Arlington, and other outlying cities and towns. Their problems make it necessary for our social workers to make visits in these districts which are distant from the hospital and which are time-consuming.

At this time of year hospitals are at their busiest and the Beth Israel Hospital's experience is conforming to the general rule. Social Service problems increase naturally in proportion as the hospital grows. We, therefore, are working under considerable pressure in our effort to serve both the individual patient and the community.

In addition to the medical social work which aids the doctor in carrying out his treatment of the patient, the functions of the Social Service Department include teaching of medical students, student nurses and social workers, and medical social research.

ETHEL COHEN

Director, Social Service

The Simmons College School of Social Work

THE Simmons College School of Social Work has made an arrangement with the hospital by which students in medical social work are to receive part of their training in the Social Service Department of the Beth Israel Hospital. Two groups of students, including some in the graduate course and some in the undergraduate, have begun this work already.

Send in Your Ideas

WE GOT TOGETHER

WE all got together a couple of weeks ago Thursday, and had a Banquet — well, it was the regular supper, not dinner, garnished up a bit. No, we didn't have any crackers, and the only kind of cheese we had was fashioned into a pretty little cake for Dr. Kopp, because he sure loves his cheese. I forgot to say that the Banquet was held in honor of Dr. Kopp's leaving the hospital — not that we liked Kopp less, but that we wanted some new blood more. However, the fact that we saw fit to give the boy a send-off is sufficient expression of our sentiments as far as he is concerned — and what did the rascal do but go off and get himself engaged to be married. Well, he buttered his bread, let him lie on it. Everybody worth while was present, and the best little mixer on this side of the Mississippi mixed the — what shall I say — orange juice? At any rate, no one drank water. The Silverstein's and the Goldsteins were there, and Mr. and Mrs. Ingall came in a little late. The children had been crying for castoria. The Rosenbergs and the Rosenblums didn't miss coming, and Brodneys and Sieves held up their corners. The Abramsons furnished the comedy and even Stern came out to check in. Silent Paul came out of a deep slumber and said, "I do not choose to commit myself." The Banquet started, as might be expected, it had to start sometime, and to the music of the soup bowls, Dr. Starr sang "My Sweet Cookie." At the end of the third round the rest of us sang "Good-by Forever" over his body.

Having been started, of course, the banquet continued, and although I was pretty busy with the cracked ice I can remember that Dr. Kopp gave Dr. Stern the low-down on all the goings-on in the private halls, and that Stern promised to guard the trust with his life, and that we all pleaded with Dr. Kopp to go out and bring home the bacon, and then the party broke up so that we could keep our dinner dates.

H. H. GOLDSTEIN, M.D.,

Resident.

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THESE H. O.'s

In the Dining Room: What's the nature of the poison?

In the Dining Room: Is Harry Freeman here yet? I'm sorry I was so late, but that child was so sick.

In the Intern's Quarters: Have you seen Harry Freeman yet? You know I can't sleep, I'm afraid that child will develop complications.

In the Laboratory: Do you know where Harry Freeman is? It's a pity such a young baby should have nephritis.

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The Silent Cal of B. I. H. (Hint: initials L. S.)

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A modern version of physician, liquor tank, jazz-hound, and vest pocket edition of Dante's Inferno, combined in one.

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A veritable accumulation of all the admirable characteristics of the great men of the past. Sort of a "multiple, fractional re-incarnation," shall we call it? In him we see: Romeo, Sirs Galahad and Launcelot, Robin Hood, Sir Walter Raleigh, Beau Brummel, Don Juan, the Sheik, — sometimes the Sphinx, a little nutty, and occasionally Dan Abramson.

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He was the incentive to the saying: "You can't miss me"; the reason for size "64" trousers; God's gift to nurses.

A student, a gentleman, and a scholar, but what a queer way of enjoying life. (Der Grosser Docktor Paul.)

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All that goodness, faithfulness, ambition, integrity, and what not, stand for . . . small, agile, but not fragile. (Hint: initials, H. F.)

Why "slam" Drs. Rosenblum and Sieve? Both these gentlemen are amply provided with other sources of this form of entertainment.

LEST WE FORGET

SINCE the opening of the new Beth Israel Hospital, donations have been received in various forms. All kinds, all types, all sizes, — books, jelly, doll houses, johnnies, flowers, plants, phonographs, pillow-cases, and last, but not least, we want to record the amount of money we have received in contributions, — it totals \$82,516.86. To the donors we want again to express the very sincere appreciation of those interested in the hospital and the patients. We assure them that their thoughtful remembrances have been a source of gratification.

WELCOME BACK

All are glad to welcome Dr. Schlesinger back after his long, enforced absence. With the return of the chief, the pathological laboratory staff feels that its little family is now complete.

GOOD WORK

Forty dollars have been donated to the Library Committee by a literary club for the purchase of books for the Patients' Library. Thanks, Literary Club, for a lovely contribution.

LOST AND FOUND

Found: A Cameo pin outside the Administration Building. Owner may have same by identifying it.

MR. BARNES, Garage.

NURSES NOTES

THE second of the series of Bridge sponsored by the Nurses' Alumni Association was given at the Nurses' Home, Feb. 27, 1929 at 8 P. M., with excellent social success. Refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed in the Nurses' Gymnasium. These Bridges are being held to obtain sufficient funds to endow a Nurses' Hospital Bed.

At the February meeting of the Alumni, Miss E. R. Yoffa of Gardner, Mass., was chosen to represent the B. I. H. Alumni at the International Nurses' Convention to take place in Montreal, Can. in June.

Enough cannot be said to show our appreciation for the pleasure derived from the beautiful Radio which was presented to us by Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Levenson.

While here in Boston freezing, cards come pouring in to us from Miami, Havana, Spain, etc., from members of our Volunteer Service. Their kind thoughts are deeply appreciated, but Oh! how we long for a dip in the ocean and a breath of that warm sunshine.

PATIENT'S FABLES

ALL ye who enter here leave your troubles behind, for in the hospital many new ones ye will find.

When we enter the hospital we get all dressed up with no place to go.

If you are a dope before coming to the hospital, you will be able to sleep better.

Uneasy lies the head in a hospital bed.

Electric lights are unnecessary as we have plenty of gas (G. I. Dept.).

Here we are kept in restraint for there is a check-up on everything we do.

Not only do we suffer but the nurse rubs it in (alcohol).

You get it hot and cold here.

The busy bee is incomparable to the nurse.

The night nurse should be provided with roller skates.

No matter what ailment one has, he always finds another with a greater one.

At the hospital we lose our identity; our wives become our visitors.

You can't keep a secret in the operating room, for it must come out.

You get the ups and downs of life in accordance with the way the crank of the hospital bed is turned.

The nurse takes your pulse and temperature simultaneously. Can you expect the temperature to be normal.

If we get too noisy the doctor gets even with us by giving us the needles.

A bodyguard in a hospital is comprised of the doctor and nurse who guard the surgeon when making rounds on those he operated on.

SKIN GRAFTS

Telephone conversation in the Out-Patient Department:

Voice: Are the medical and surgical Clinics open today?

Information: Yes, today, and every day except Sunday.

Voice: Have you any big men in these departments?

Information: Yes, Dr. Damashek — six-foot, seven, and Dr. Levenson— six-foot, six.

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Miss Inquirer: How long have you been in training at the hospital?

Miss Nearly Was: Oh, I didn't start at all. I tried on the pink uniform and it was so unbecoming that I decided not to become a nurse.

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Records, records everywhere,
But not where they belong.
Internes, Senior Officers,
Listen to this song!
Records go in Record Room
Right when you are through.
It would really be a boon
If this thing you'd do!

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"I understand that Miss Rae Racoff fell down when the chair broke, in the Nurses' Home."

"Was Lew Silverstein hurt?"

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Anxious relative to the telephone operator at B. I. H.: "Was the operation a success?"

Telephone Operator: "Well, if the patient lives, yes; if not, no."

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The Chairman of the Editorial Staff, Dr. Davidoff, recently added dignity to a meeting by appearing in one of Sulka's latest speckled bow-ties.

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FROM THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

CHICK, the husky Adonis of the Department has supplanted the Chief in the affections of a little Secretary. She coyly invited him to attend the Alumni Whist. Maybe a fear of the "Missus" necessitated the refusal of the flattering invitation.

The popular Chief seems to be a great favorite with the feminine contingent of the hospital, for invariably they refuse to report repairs to the office but clamor for a personal interview.

When one hears a great commotion and very lurid language it is very evident that something has gone wrong in the Store Keeper's Department.

The Chief is quite ingenious in bestowing titles on employees. One dashing person answers to the lurid call of "Thunderbolt," "Speed" or "Cyclone," and another answers to the simple address of "Say." Say has grown thin and peaked with abuse from the head of the Department, but hugely enjoys all his blustering, knowing that it is all pretense and they are really "Friendly Enemies."

The marcelled Chauffeur is very popular with the ladies in the Laundry Department. He manages to park himself at the Employees Exit around the time that they are leaving the hospital and gives one and all a hearty "Nightie-nightie."

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Miss Rapoport was recently observed taking electrocardiographic tracings on several physicians and medical students. All these electrocardiograms showed markedly lowered resistance, increasing amplitude of all cardiac deflections and numerous skipped beats. The recent song "My Heart Stood Still" has assumed new significance in cardiac diagnosis.

American College of Physicians

THE thirteenth annual clinical session was held in Boston during the week of April 8. The Beth Israel Hospital offered programs on April 9 and April 12 which were a credit to the hospital and to the community.

BEST WISHES

OUR best wishes to the Bikur Cholim Hospital for Chronic sick. We visited the Hospital recently and were greatly impressed with the artistic renovation of the mother building of the Beth Israel Hospital. Our heartfelt gratitude for the courage and devotion of the women who have made this much-needed hospital for the chronically ill a reality.

AARON THURMAN, M.D.

Quiet Hours in the Chief Engineer's Office

TELEPHONE: "Mr. Gould there?" "No, what is wanted, please?" "Record carrier out of order in Out-Patient Department — please send men to repair at once."

Hospital paged for man as phone rings again. Report comes that there is nothing the matter with the carrier.

Telephone: "Mr. Gould there?" "No." "When he comes will you please have him come up to the -th floor, we can get no sound from the radio. Electrician gets S.O.S. call and as he steps out of elevator hears radio going full-blast.

Slip brought in: "Requisition for Repairs." "Toilet out-of-order, seat will not stop flushing."

Boy calls at office: "Where is Mr. Gould?" "I want the loan of the truck to get two cats from the Harvard Medical School." "The truck is in town getting hospital supplies and will be gone some time, can't you carry two cats in that burlap bag you have with you?" "I am afraid that the cats might get wild and fight." He is finally persuaded to go and get the cats.

Another caller at office: Mr. Gould is busy interviewing men. "Mr. Gould," comes the request, in dulcet tones, "I have some typing to do; may I use your office this afternoon?" Look of consternation on Mr. Gould's face as he asks where he is to transact his own business.

S.O.S. call from the Nurses' Home. Report — Nurse locked in bath room and cannot get out. Man sent over at once and on return reports that the inside knob came off in the nurse's hand and the door could have been easily opened from the outside by any of the nurses standing there to assist in rescue.

Telephone call: "Mr. Gould there?" "No, what is wanted, please?" "Can't you try and find him?" "If it is anything important I will." "Well, I put in a requisition to have a pencil sharpener fastened on my desk two days ago, and it has received no attention,"—this in a most aggrieved tone.

Requests come in to have tables made, telephones and lighting changed which if granted when demanded would keep an army busy.

5.00 P.M.: Almost the "End of a Perfect Day." Men begin to get ready for home. Phone rings: "Lights needed" — "steam table leaking in Dining Room."

Men preparing to go home start to work again.

ANONYMOUS

Within the four walls of this building so new,
Great things are happening, of interest to you.
Here in this paper, about them you'll read
Beth Israel's finest of all, you'll concede.

Editorial Staff has met time and again
Discussing the Why-for, the Which, and the When
Nothing high-brow, nor low-brow, nor silly or trite
But on Hospital doings, we're here to shed light.

Beth Israel BULLETIN, news it must bring
So all, be reporters, tell each little thing
To the Staff, write your trouble, your joy and delights
Has your nurse got a beau, that she sees every night?

Does your patient complain of this or of that
Let us know, but we won't keep it under our hat.
When the paper's delivered, you'll laugh in great glee
There'll be something on someone, that each one can see.

DREAMS COME TRUE

YEARS of dreaming and years of pioneer work and finally it came to be.
The possibilities extended to the new generation of nurses can be appreciated only by those of the old guard who spent many a night under the protection of an old umbrella when the leaky roof in the old nurses' home was shedding tears over the misdeeds of the pupil nurses.

The beautifully-equipped classroom and laboratories can only be appreciated by those who remember when the whole laboratory consisted of a test-tube rack, two funnels and a couple of reagent bottles.

One could go on in an endless stream writing one's impressions regarding the various thrills our new hospital inspires us with. We will, however, leave much for future printings.

R. RACOFF, R.N.

GREETINGS

Miss Ruth Wyzanski has heeded the call and has left Wellesley College to join the ranks of B. I. H. She is a member of the Department of Medical Research.

CONGRATULATIONS

The engagement of one of our Volunteers, Barbara B. Mathews, to Dr. Edward Everett Covitz is announced.

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